

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA  
Montana Twenty-First Judicial District Court, County of Ravalli

STATE OF MONTANA,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	CAUSE NO. DC-11-114
-vs-	)	
	)	D E C I S I O N
JEREMY RICHARD WARD,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

On June 27, 2012, the Court sentenced the Defendant as follows: Charge I: A commitment to the Montana State Prison for a period of thirty-five (35) years, for the offense of Aggravated Assault, a felony, in violation of §45-5-202, MCA, to run consecutive to the Defendant's Missoula County Sentence in DC-08-570; Charge III: A commitment to the Ravalli County Detention Center for a period of one (1) year, for the offense of Partner or Family Member Assault, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense, a misdemeanor, in violation of §45-5-206, MCA; Charge IV: A commitment to the Ravalli County Detention Center for a period of one (1) year, for the offense of Assault with a Bodily Fluid, a misdemeanor, in violation of §45-5-214(1)(a), MCA, to run concurrently with the sentence in Charge I; and Charge VI: A commitment to the Ravalli County Detention Center for a period of ten (10) days, for the offense of Disorderly Conduct, a misdemeanor, in violation of §45-8-101(1)(c), MCA, to run concurrently with the sentence in Charge I. DA 12-0534 - Supreme Court Appeal Affirmed on 12/03/2013. DA 16-0244 - Supreme Court Appeal (Post-Conviction) Dismissed with Prejudice on 08/24/2016.

On February 2, 2017, the Defendant's Application for review of that sentence was heard by the Sentence Review Division of the Montana Supreme Court (hereafter "the Division").

The Defendant appeared by Vision Net from the Crossroads Correctional Center and was represented by Brent Getty of the Office of the State Public Defender. The State was represented by Ravalli County Deputy Attorney Angela Wetzsteon who appeared by teleconference.

Before hearing the Application, the Defendant was advised that the Division has the authority not only to reduce the sentence or affirm it, but also increase it. The Defendant was further advised that there is no appeal from a decision of the Division. The Defendant acknowledged that he understood this and stated that he wished to proceed.

Rule 12, Rules of the Sentence Review Division of the Supreme Court of Montana, provides that, "The sentence imposed by the District Court is presumed correct. The sentence shall not be reduced or increased unless it is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive." (Section 46-18-904(3), MCA).

The Division finds that the reasons advanced for modification are insufficient to hold that the sentence imposed by the District Court is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive.

Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is **AFFIRMED**.

Done in open Court this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2017.

DATED this 9 day of March, 2017.

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION



Hon. Brad Newman, Chairperson



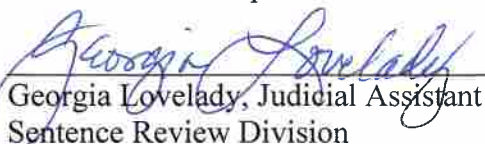
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Hon. Brenda Gilbert, Member

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